

PROBLEM CHILDREN

PROBLEM CHILD I was the R. J. Negus token, currently attributed to St. Michael.



Shortly after I wrote that article, I heard Harley Sundown on KUAC radio. Mr. Sundown is the principal of the school at Scammon Bay. I had hoped that Mr. Sundown would consent to do an article. He did write back and provide some information, but never gave me permission to use his email as an article. So, the best that I can do is report what was in that email.

Mr. Sundown reported that the people in Scammon Bay did know Dick Negus. He was a trader with a store outside the village. No dates are given. Scammon Bay is a Yupik village on the Bering Sea.

Richard J. Negus apparently had a temper. He had a dispute with Mr. Sundown's grandfather (Kamguq) that probably would have ended badly if Kamguq had not left the village to get help at a nearby Catholic mission.

Later, Negus apparently shot and killed a villager who owed him money. The marshals came and took him to St. Michael where he reportedly went insane, haunted by the ghost of his victim.

Ron Benice reports that Negus is found in the 1932-1933 Alaska Directory and Gazetteer in St. Michael. Negus is also found in the 1930 census, in Seattle as a lodger with no occupation. These dates are at odds, unless Negus was in Seattle and later returned to St. Michael.

This information does not positively attribute the token to Scammon Bay or St. Michael. These dates of business are in the late 20s and early 30s. The style of the token does not match this time frame. It looks much like a token from the 1890s or turn of the century.

PROBLEM CHILD II is Joseph H. Rutlader, Traders, currently attributed to Goodnews Bay. There is absolutely no evidence for this attribution or to nearby Platinum.

I have been in contact with James Rutlader (brother, now in hospice care), Joan Katilus (James' daughter) and Rhoda Rosen (Joseph's stepdaughter). Ms. Katilus also contacted a cousin.

I quote from Mrs. Katilus' last email: "I found the February 2006 newsletter most interesting. I assume you got the majority of your information via your research and then maybe some from my father, Jimmy. Some bits of information were not exactly nor totally accurate. I am not even reluctant as to put this in writing: the specimen is PROBABLY a novelty token. As previously discussed with you, I did talk with my cousin.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This month we clean out some files again, taking care of some Problem Children. I am not happy with the conclusions I have drawn. I would like more proof for both Rutlader and Negus to support these conclusions.

We have a nice selection of items for Military Challenge Coins, For the Record and Paper Potpourri.

International Polar Year promises to be a big event numismatically. In the past we have not done a good job reporting on arctic and antarctic related coinage, but will try to keep these in mind when filling the pages.

My wife and I will be vacationing in Florida in February and March. Our daughter is going to school at Florida International University in Miami, so it is a good excuse to head for a warmer climate. High points of the trip will be Mel Fisher's Atocha museum in Key West, and visits with George and Pat Rietzel, and Ron and Doris Benice. We may even take a day cruise to the Bahamas, just because.

The next issue will be mailed near the end of March. It will have all the Alaska items from our next auction scheduled for April 14th. If you have anything you would like to consign, now would be a good time to contact us.

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Selected prices realized from eBay:

Anchorage , Canteen Bar, 12½¢, B-10a	OB40.00NB
Anchorage , Masonic Penny, B-29c	OB99.99NB
Chisana , Simons, \$5, B-3b	295.00OB
Chitina , Hotel Chitina, B-1a	295.00OB
Chitina , Overland Hotel, 6¼¢, B-5a	395.00OB
Circle , Collins & Strait, 25¢, B-1b	408.00
Cordova , Johnston, 12½¢, B-21b	OB125.00NB
Cordova , O'Brien & Simpson, 6¼¢, B-29a	225.00OB
Cordova , Rainier Grand, 12½¢, B-33b	306.00
Cordova , Windsor Hotel, 6¼¢, B-41a	80.00OB
Douglas , Pioneer, 5¢, B-32a	361.00
Eek , McIntyre, 50¢, B-1a	OB45.00NB
Excursion Inlet , A&PSC Co., \$1 w/S, B-1e	OB95.00NB
Fairbanks , Eagle's Lady's Night Scrip	273.00
Katalla , Ashland, 12½¢, B-1a	OB595.00NB
Ketchikan , Pioneers of AK 1939 scrip	162.50
Koyukuk , Evans, \$5, B-1e	195.00OB
Latouche , Little, 12½¢, B-2a	OB125.00NB
McCarthy , Johnson Hotel, 12½¢, B-4a	30.00OB
Nenana , Nenana Trading Post, \$1, B-5a	330.00
Nenana , Nenana Trading Post, \$5, B-5b	344.00
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	51.05
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c	20.51
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d	74.80
Ruby , The Pavillion, 25¢, B-4b	358.00
Seward , Northern, 12½¢, B-8bII	50.00
Sitka , A.B. Club, 5¢, B-1b	513.00
Sitka , R. Witz, 5¢, B-17a	OB49.99NB
Skagway , Shooting Gallery, 10¢, B-25II	65.00OB
Snug Harbor , Pioneer Can., \$1.25 Bx, B-2a	40.00OB
Treadwell , T Club Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-1aII	195.00OB
Unga , Alaska Cod, Sanak District, 1 meal unl.	1,654.00
Valdez , (Copper Block) Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	OB45.00NB
Valdez , C. M. Day, 12½¢, B-5b	150.00OB
Valdez , The Fairbanks, 12½¢, B-6b	51.00
Yes Bay , AK Pac. Fish., \$1, B-3e	OB55.00NB
Liard Post BC , Hyland & Belfry, \$1	114.50
Dawson YT , Hutton & Pearse, 2 bits	112.90
Dawson, YT , Kilgore & Landahl	OB212.72NB
Dawson, YT , Tanana Hotel, 25¢	300.00
Whitehorses, YT , Alguire, 25¢	50.00OB
Whitehorse, YT , TDP, 25¢, 50¢, \$1	19.99OB
Whitehorse, YT , TDP, \$10	OB49.99NB
Whitehorse, YT , TDP, \$20	49.99OB
Alaska Gold , 2 Too Wah	330.00
Alaska Gold , ¼ Pinch, 1902, octagonal	566.00
Alaska Gold , ½ Pinch, 1899, round	407.00
Alaska Gold , ½ Pinch, 1900, octagonal	1,250.00
Alaska Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897, round	OB975.00NB
Alaska Gold , 1 Pinch, 1897, round	RLOB975.00NB
Alaska Gold , 1 Pinch, 1898, octagonal	OB647.00NB
AYPE , ¼ DWT, NGC-66	2,600.00OB
AYPE , 1 DWT	250.00
Klondike Charm , (¼ size)	406.00

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist
 RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve
 BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell

***PROBLEM CHILDREN*, CONT.**

Totally unsolicited and independent from one another, opinions from her as well as my husband, myself included, share this consensus.”

The only thing that keeps me from consigning this to the “novelty” category is that there are so few of them in the market. What is the point of making something like this if you can’t sell or give away a lot of them?



That all said, the 1 cent token to the left will be in our April auction. This piece came directly from the Rutlander family. Actual size is 16mm, not 17mm as reported in “Alaska Tokens.”



Mystery Tokens - McCREEDY & ELLIOTT

In searching the Social Security Death Index, by birth date, I found only three male McCreedy that would have been 16 or older by 1898: Samuel, born in 1880 in MI, died 1964 in MI; Leo, born in 1881 in MA, died in 1964 in MA; Myron, born in 1882 in MI, died in 1967 in CA. I purchased a small hoard at a collectibles expo in Boston in 1982! I have written every McCreedy in Mass. Perhaps next month I will have something to report.

ALASKA CODFISH CO.

A new Alaska Codfish Co. token has recently appeared on eBay. While not a **Problem Child** or **Mystery Token**, these tokens present a bit of a problem in establishing an exact location of usage.

This token is another meal token, but for “Sanak District Stations.” This leads one to the assumption that the Unga, Baranof and Winchester Stations tokens were for stations on Unga Island. This token likely was for use at the company’s Sanak Island stations, and possibly for use at the nearby station on Unimak Island near Cape Pankof.

Price Realized - \$1,654.



MICHAEL'S JEWELERS

Before there was the Alaska Mint, before there was the Anchorage Mint, there was Michael's Jewelers. This Holiday's bar is from 1992. We were fortunate to pick up a few and can offer them for \$25 each, postpaid.



MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



EIELSON AFB: 354 Civil Engineering Squadron, Presented by Commander. Blue, white, red, yellow and black on bronze (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

KODIAK: Coast Guard Air Station, Search & Rescue. Red, white, light blue, dark blue and brown on gold colored metal, 45mm.



EIELSON AFB: Eielson Middle Tier Association. Red, white, blue, green, yellow, black, gray and light blue on silver colored metal (submitted by K. Hawk).

KODIAK: Department of Homeland Security, Defending and Serving. Red, white, light blue, dark blue and gray on bronze (?) (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ELMENDORF AFB: 3rd Mission Support Squadron, Mission Support, Mission Success. Bronze, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk)..

KULIS ANGB: 176th Security Forces Squadron. White, yellow and blue on bronze (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ELMENDORF AFB: 3rd Wing, Outstanding Performance. Silver colored metal.

U.S.S. JUNEAU: Command Master Chief James F. Magdalenski. Bronze (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most Challenge coins are about 38 to 40mm. Some are larger. All are shown at about 38mm, but this may not be the actual size.

FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: RJ's Lounge, an 80mm plastic, One Premium Top Shelf (black on green) and Mixed Call Drink (black on blue)(submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

JUNEAU: Triangle Club, good for one drink. Red on yellow plastic, 45mm, illustration reduced (submitted by Kurtis Hawk). Illustrated next column.

JUNEAU: Triangle Club, good for one drink. Red on



HOMER: Homer's Jeans, Practical Everyday Clothing, 25¢. Black on wood.

yellow plastic, 43mm, illustration reduced (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



HOMER: Otter Room, One Drink. Silver on black plastic, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

KING SALMON: Eddie's Fireplace Inn, one drink, black on octagonal gray plastic, size not given (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

JUNEAU: Buoy Deck, Rain Check. Gold on green plastic, 40mm. Illustrated next column.

FOR THE RECORD



KODIAK: Elks 1772, Premium Drink. Black on yellow plastic, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



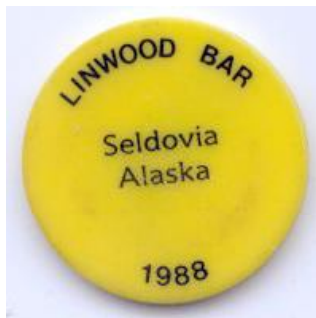
ANCHORAGE: Barry's Baranof Lounge, Premium (drink), not valid with entertainment. Blue aluminum, 32mm (submitted by Ken Rieck).



PALMER: The Moosehead Saloon, One Well Drink, aluminum, 32mm (submitted by K. Hawk)



ANCHORAGE: Pioneer Bar, This Chit's for You, Really, No Chit! Blk on wood (submitted by K.Rieck).



SELDOVIA: Linwood Bar, 1988, fish on reverse. Shows no trade value, probably a drink. Black on yellow, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



FAIRBANKS: Arctic Bowl, good for one free game, black on wood. This is a new variety of the pins falling type.



WASILLA: Fish Head's Bar & Grill, all translucent white plastic, 38mm with metallic printing: Beer (red); Well Drink (green-not shown); Premium Drink (gold); Sex with Bartender (blue)(submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

FEEDBACK: Mike Barnhart writes that "The Yukon" tokens from last month are from Everett, Washington, and that "Dogs" should be Doc's, as on the other token. Also, he writes that the Crow's Nest is a maverick from Bremerton, Washington.

PAPER POTPOURRI

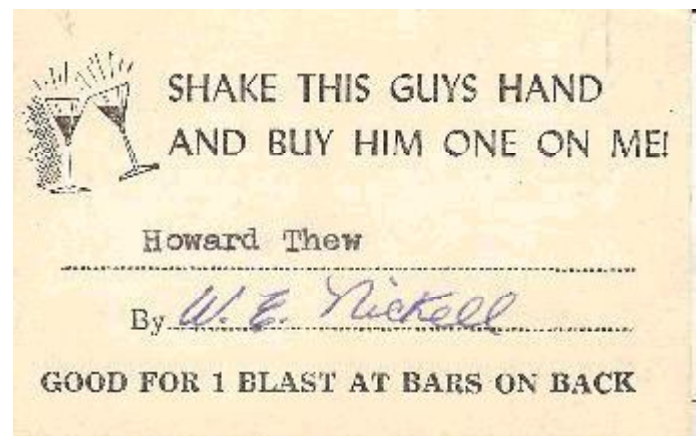
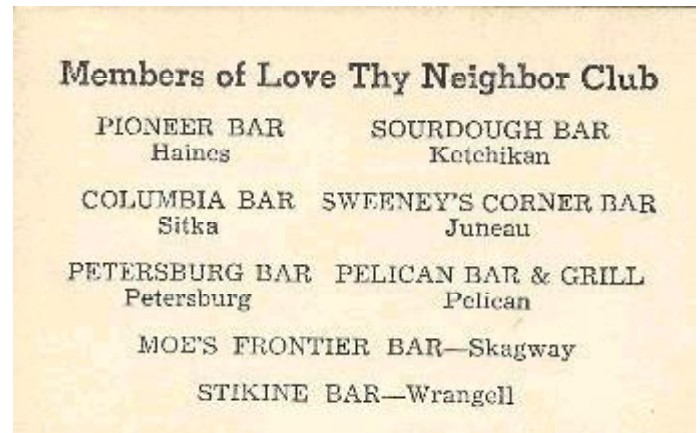


SITKA: Westmark She Atika (hotel), 50 and 100 Shee Atika Bucks. The 100 was previously reported in the Feb. 2006 issue.



ALASKA SALMON CO.: Possibly Wood River (2 miles NE of Dillingham). Black and red on gray, 54mm x 25mm, PR 36.00 (Kaye Dethridge).

WHERE'S GEORGE? Go to www.wheresgeorge.com to track this note. We are going to Florida this month, and this note might make the trip with me and get spent down there! I suspect that it started in North Pole, migrated to Fairbanks, but it is going to go a long way next!



MULTIPLE LOCATIONS: Love Thy Neighbor Club, good for 1 Blast (drink) at Pioneer Bar, Haines; Sourdough Bar, Ketchikan; Columbia Bar, Sitka; Sweeny's Corner Bar, Juneau; Petersburg Bar, Petersburg; Pelican Bar and Grill, Pelican; Moe's Frontier Bar, Skagway; and Stikine Bar, Wrangell. Black on cream, 90mm by 57mm. Howard Thew and W.E. Nickell were early Alaska token collectors.



INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEAR

2007-2008 has been designated the International Polar Year. This is providing stimulus for countries with bases and other interests in the Antarctic to issue commemorative coinage.



Australia will issue an aluminum-bronze \$1 coin featuring a map of Antarctica showing the location of its bases Mawson and Davis in Australian Antarctic Territory. Also featured as part of the design is a ship. The release date for this coin, as noted on the eBay auction is February 1. The Royal Australian Mint website makes no mention of it.

The Perth Mint in Western Australia has coining authority, and they make commemoratives and bullion items. In the past, they have issued one ounce silver, \$1 coins for Australian Antarctic Territory. So far, four have been issued for Mawson Station (2004), Leopard Seal (2005), Edgeworth David Station (2006) and Davis Station (2007). All have colorization on the reverse, and Queen Elizabeth on the obverse (above, right).



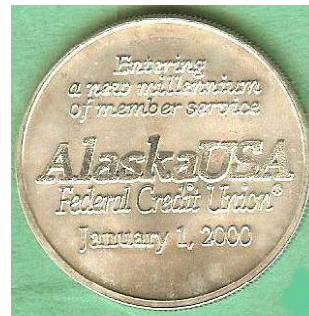
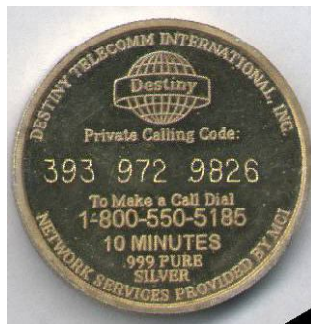
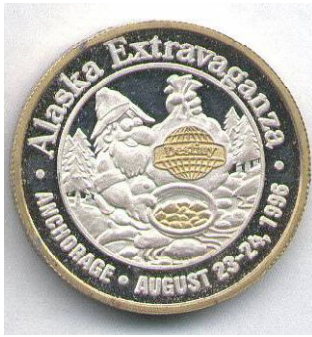
New Zealand is issuing two \$1 coins: one 40mm, .999 silver, 28.28 gram silver; the other 13.92mm .999 gold, 1/25 ounce. Both have the same design featuring Scott Base. 2007 is also the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Scott Base. These are have a limited mintage of 10,000 and were struck by BH Mayer's Kunstpargeanstalt GmbH.



Japan is issuing a nickel-brass 500 Yen coin, noting 50 years of Antarctic expeditions. The mintage is set at 6.6 millions. The coin features a map of Antarctica with stars indicating the location of Japan's bases, and the aurora australis on the obverse. The ship "Soya" and dogs Taro and Jiro are on the reverse. These dogs were abandoned during the second expedition, and survived to be rescued a year later during the third expedition. They were made famous by the movies "Antarctica" and the fictionalized movie "Eight Below."



ONE OUNCE SILVER MEDALS



ANCHORAGE: Alaska Extravaganza, 1996. Destiny Telecom International, Inc. Engraved with a "Private Calling Code," good for 10 minutes.

ALASKA: AlaskaUSA Federal Credit Union, Millennium 2000.

ALASKA' CREDIT UNIONS



2001



2002



2002



2003



2004



Common Reverse

The 2001 is bright brass. The 2002 through 2004 are one ounce silver. These were struck by the Evergreen Mint in Anchorage.

The reverse states "Not for profit, not for charity, but for service."

The silver medals are \$25 each, or all four silver, plus the brass for \$90, postpaid.

PRUDHOE BAY OIL SPILL

Last winter, there was a leak from the pipes of a transit line at Prudhoe Bay. This was one of the more serious spills since the Exxon Valdez. This medal was given to the workers. We are told there were about 150 workers, so probably only 200 or so were minted. This is unmarked, but we assume that it is 1 oz. .999 fine silver. Only one available - \$30 postpaid.

